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OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a note sent to His Excellency Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, by Her Excellency Dr. Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, dated 4 October 1983.

"I am writing to bring to your attention the serious incidents described below.

On 2 October 1983, terrorist commandos coming from Costa Rican territory and using high-speed launches for transport reached the port of Benjamín Zeledón, where they blew up the fuel tanks supplying the entire Atlantic region of Nicaragua. One of the tanks had a capacity of 308,448 gallons of diesel oil, the other a capacity of 71,253 gallons of gasoline. This criminal act of the mercenaries financed and directed by the United States Government, through the CIA, has brought economic activity to a standstill in the Department of Zelaya, seriously affecting Puerto Cabezas, the mining areas and the Misquito settlements. After the attack, the terrorist commandos withdrew to their bases in Costa Rica.

In addition, on 27 September a party of mercenaries destroyed two high-voltage pylons, one of them in Nicaraguan territory near the frontier-line and the other in Costa Rican territory about 200 metres from the border, impairing the supply of electric current.

Although the Government of Nicaragua is aware that these mercenary forces are operating in Costa Rican territory without the authorization of the Government of Costa Rica, the gravity of the incidents described above, and of others in the past, makes it vitally necessary to intensify all measures aimed at preventing a continuation of such terrorist acts and controlling and reducing the criminal groups operating in Costa Rican territory.

The deterioration of the situation in the frontier area and the attacks on economic targets in Nicaragua are having a serious impact on relations

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between the two countries, that being, as Nicaragua has had occasion to point out, one of the aims of the mercenary forces. Such being the case, the Government of Nicaragua considers itself entitled to call for a firmer and more consistent attitude on the part of your Government, in keeping with Costa Rica's neutrality.

In presenting its categorical and vigorous protest against these terrorist acts, the Government of Nicaragua confirms once again its readiness *for dialogue and co-operation.*

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs"

I shall be grateful if you will circulate this note as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua
to the United Nations
